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In re Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the first liquid (1) comprises a compound with a head group that bonds to the substrate (10) and a tail that avoids the substrate (10) and repels the second liquid (2).

6. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the first liquid (1) and the second liquid (2) are applied by